

# Dakota City Herald.

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SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 12, 1859.

## DEMOCRATIC COUNTY CONVENTION.

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With this number of the Herald, I appear as sole Editor and Proprietor. Former experience in the duties I now assume, do not leave me in any doubt as to the proper course I should pursue, or the difficulties I shall encounter. The paper will be, as it has been, strongly Democratic, sustaining the party in its regular nominations, and advocating and maintaining its time-honored usages. We believe that there are but two great parties in the country—the one is Democratic, while the other is anti-slavery, and known by as many names as there are States in the Confederacy. The one is, and has always been Northern, and the other Southern. If we have differed on points, even if the Democratic Party differently construed the constitutional power of Congress over the Territories, or of the power of our Territorial Legislature, we have reason why the advocates of either view should throw themselves into the ranks of the enemy to do battle against old and tried friends. The whole question of Squatter Sovereignty or Congressional Interference can be of no importance. But as Democrats we have the old issues, on which we have often fought and conquered, and under the practical operation of which our country has become what she now is. The "Opposites" have expressed no love for any of our principles, they are in array of their own, they seek a CHANGE, and have no hope save in division and disintegration of the Democratic Party. To heel divisions and remove any disaffection will be the aim and object of this paper. It will not lend itself to the cause of any man or set of men, but will advocate equal principles, and correct action in accordance with the usages of the party. Whilst that party maintains a healthy political organization, in which all are heard and the majority controlled.

The coming election this fall must decide the political character of Nebraska for years to come—the struggle will be a warm one. We feel disposed to do all in our power to place her among the Democratic States of the Confederacy, and we invoke every Democrat of Dakota County to stand by us, shoulder to shoulder, in the coming fight. We say in advance we will be for the nominees of our Democratic Conventions whether in our County, or Territory, or at Chariton. The paper will not only be open to the communications of every Democrat, but their aid and counsels are solicited.

This much for policy, we will use our best endeavors to advance the interest of this section of Nebraska, by bringing into view our soil, its productions our cheats and our tools and other advantages to the emigrant. We will be the advocates of enlightened labor—do this, and while all we can to render it profitable and responsible. G. B. GRAFF.

The Charleston Democratic Convention.

Two States having chosen their delegates at large to the next National Convention of the Democracy, inquiries are being made in respect to the time when that Convention will assemble. The time has not yet been fixed, but the committee who have the subject in charge will hold their meeting at Washington, during the first week of December next, and the Convention, it is expected, will assemble at Charleston about the last of April or the first of May, 1860. This will be a full month earlier than the nominating were made in 1860. It is not desirable to have the nomination made too soon, as it prolongs the contest and wears out the enduring party, but too early mentioned is to avoid the heat of the season in a Southern city.

The sons of Malia.

We don't propose to write anything about the aims and objects of this association, for we are as ignorant of them as any of the "so-called" can be. All we know is that it is a recent origin, and is spreading through the country, to use a common phrase, like wild fire. Whether it is a new "know nothing" organization, or a secret and worthy association, similar to the Masonic Fraternity, or Odd Fellows, we are unable to say. A late member of the Terre Haute Express, announcing the organization of the branch of the order in that city notices the presence of a large number of distinguished politicians who are members—but we do not know that it is fair from this circumstance to suggest that the association aims at political power.

Where do they stand?

Where does the Black Republican party now stand upon the intervention doctrine? Do they believe that Congress should interfere to prohibit slavery in Territories, or do they not? At their State convention in Michigan last August, they distinctly reaffirmed that doctrine. In their last convention in Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania the doctrine has been repudiated, in some of them attempting to introduce it, have been summarily voted down. Where does the party now stand? Intervention or no intervention.—Michigan Journal.

## THE DEMOCRACY OF OHIO.

The indications from every part of the State are of the most gratifying character. The Democracy seems to be impelled with the impulse of harmony among themselves, and there appears to be a determination in every section of the State to make a vigorous and effective campaign. The bold and daring designs of the Republicans are attracting the general attention of the masses who love our institutions and憎恶 our system of government. They set out to accomplish their ends the republican leaders would not stop at anything. The Constitution as it is, and the laws made in pursuance thereof, are the objects of repulsive hostility. It is a wicked and systematic effort to place the negro on an equal footing with the white man, these malefactors who govern the republican party have ruined everything. Nothing can satisfy them. Goldings, Chase, Anthony, Pennington & Co. are pledged to the establishment of the destruction of the Oberlin school, or the disruption of our happy form of government. And while Curtis demeans some of their demands on the stump, he yet urges the triumph of their cause. They have him bound hand and foot and compelled to do their bidding. They strike down a Judge because he maintains the supremacy of the Constitution, and repels his efforts to sustain it. They declare that men who execute the laws of the land are pirates and robbers to be murdered; they teach delinquency and disobedience to the authorities of the country in the highest Christian duty, and they swear their deep hostility to our incomparable system of government and make war upon it to destroy it. These things are arousing the mass of the people. The democracy are aroused, and the mass of patriotic men who have never before acted with the democratic party now see the absolute necessity of destroying their former prejudices, and at once frankly uniting with the democracy to save the State and the Union. They realize that the institutions founded by the patriots of the revolution and bequeathed to us by our forefathers are in danger. They perceive that the Obamas, Chase, &c., who is about to longer control govern the republican organization and direct its movements, are and remain ready to destroy the bonds of our Union and in the place of law and order introduce confusion and anarchy; and they are not prepared to do this. They are the democratic party's standing firm for the Constitution and Law, and they are not directly exciting their soul, and uniting themselves with the only organization that maintains and supports the Constitution. All house to see men, wherever they may be. We not all much worse than the democratic household, command them for that crop they have sown and urge them to go steadily with the material party into its great right for the protection of Constitutional liberty.

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